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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 30, 2001

APPLICATION OF

ENERGY CONSULTANTS, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010581

For a permanent license to  
conduct business as an  
electric aggregator

### ORDER GRANTING LICENSE

On October 15, 2001, Energy Consultants, Inc., ("Energy Consultants" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a license to provide competitive electric aggregation services. Pursuant to the Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules") 20 VAC 5-312-10 et seq., the Company requested authority to serve residential and commercial customers in the electric retail access programs throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice. The Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B.

On October 30, 2001, the Commission issued its Order For Notice and Comment. That Order docketed the application,

directed Energy Consultants to provide notice of its application upon appropriate persons, including the utilities identified in Attachment A to the Order, and invited comments to be filed on the application.

The Company filed proof of this notice on November 9, 2001. No comments on Energy Consultants' application were filed.

The Staff filed its Report on November 20, 2001, concerning Energy Consultants' technical and financial fitness to provide competitive electric aggregation services. In its Report, Staff summarized Energy Consultants' proposal and evaluated its financial condition and technical fitness. Staff concluded that Energy Consultants possesses the financial responsibility and technical experience to provide electric aggregation services for residential and commercial customers throughout Virginia. However, Staff noted that the Company's proposed dispute resolution procedure did not include a notice to the customer that the Division of Energy Regulation may intervene in the Commission's complaint procedures may be utilized, if needed. As such, Staff recommended that a license be granted to Energy Consultants for the provision of electric aggregation services, after the Company files a revised dispute resolution procedure. On November 26, 2001 Energy Consultants filed an appropriate revised dispute resolution procedure.

NOW UPON consideration of Energy Consultants' application for a permanent license to conduct competitive electric aggregation services to residential and commercial retail customers throughout the Commonwealth, and Staff's Report, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Energy Consultants' request should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Energy Consultants shall be granted License No. A-9 for the provision of competitive electric aggregation services to residential and commercial retail customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice.

(2) This license is not valid authority for the provision of any product or service not identified within the license itself.

(3) Failure of Energy Consultants to comply with the Retail Access Rules, the provisions of this Order, other State Corporation Commission orders and rules, or other applicable state or federal laws may result in an enforcement action by the Commission including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension, or modification of the license granted herein, the refusal to renew such license, the imposition of appropriate fines and penalties, or such other additional actions as may be necessary to protect the public interest.

(4) This matter shall remain open pending the receipt of any reports required by the Retail Access Rules, as well as any subsequent amendments or modifications to the license granted herein.